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## CHRISTMAS SEASON

It is rather amazing to read that there is almost complete uncertainty concerning the actual date of the Birth of Jesus Christ, there being nothing anything in the written record to prove that December 25th was the date on which he was born. It appears that it was almost 400 years after the event before there was any move made to celebrate his natal day, and peculiarly enough the movement did not originate in the East but developed in Italy, from whence it found its way in the course of time to the East itself. Be that as it may, it has for nearly 1600 years been celebrated annually as a blessed event, and no matter how much one may regret the commercialization of the season, it is pleasant to be able to record that the real significance of the occasion, namely that of a religious festival, has not lost sight of throughout the years. The Recorder takes this opportunity of wishing all its readers "A very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

## A UNIFIED POLICE FORCE

Admittedly the most efficient police force in Canada by long odds is the R.C.M.P., and one wonders when viewing the situation from purely a Canadian viewpoint, why local politicians cannot see the folly of their ways, and agree to the administration of the criminal preventive service under one central body. The advantages are numerous and might be summarized as follows: An increased measure of co-ordination in the national police system; the maintenance of an adequate standard of efficiency throughout the whole force; uniformity of training and of general service conditions; effective co-operation with other countries in dealing with International Crime; avoidance of overlapping jurisdiction; the development of a police policy on a basis of national, rather than parochial, efficiency, and absence of local interference in police duties and appointments. In addition, a single unit would cost considerably less to maintain than would a multiplicity of separate organizations, and would result in a substantial financial saving to the country at large.

## TWO OR MORE PARTIES

There are some rather queer inconsistencies in the logic of Mr. E. L. Gray. We agree with him that one of the curses of Alberta has been the multiplicity of political parties. We have with us, much to the regret of many, the Social Credit Party. Mr. Gray proposes a co-operative group in opposition, consisting of an admixture (which won't mix) of Liberals, Conservatives, U.F.A., Labour and presumably C.C.F. Well, if we understand the English language, that will mean at least five parties, including the one in power. Yes, Mr. Gray, multiplicity of parties has been a curse in Alberta, but creating, fostering and maintaining them is not the situation one is in. If there is any consolation to be had from Mr. Gray's suggested method of opposing Mr. Aberhart's government, the Social Crediters are getting it, and they might might.

## COMMUNISM AND FASCISM

There are, generally speaking, three schools of thought in international affairs concerning methods of Government; Communism, its counterpart Fascism, and Democracy. Both of the first two are alike in their desires to suppress Democracy and to rule with the iron hand. But there is an essential difference in the two nevertheless. Communists are out to destroy nationality and patriotism by ruthless violence—Fascists are out to preserve them by exactly the same policy. Fascism was born as the antidote to Communism.

In Canada, if we can believe the evidence given at the Regina enquiry, the statements of authorities such as Supt. J. F. Mead of the R.C.M.P. and Colonel C. E. Edgett of Vancouver, Communism has obtained quite a foothold. So far the evidence of a Fascist movement is almost nil, but Fascism will arise in Canada almost as certainly as it arose in Germany and Italy, unless Democracy takes stock of itself and puts its house in order. Those who believe in the Russian system and those who believe in Hitler are not fair dealing with their souls, can get but little satisfaction out of Stalin's boast in the recent Russian elections that "he was elected before the elections were held."

## BRITISH DECAF

Dean Alexander's son, who is Editor of the Gateway, published at the University of Alberta, deduces that the British Empire has given way to the United States in Leadership in World Affairs, and asserts that the nations of the World are now looking to our neighbor to the south as the greatest single nation on Earth to lead the way. He cites as evidence of British decay: Britain's failure to follow the United States in proposed opposition to Japan's conquest of Manchukuo, her feeble protests over the Italian conquest of Ethiopia, her vacillating policy in the Spanish Civil war, her impotence in the face of Japan's latest act of aggression in China, and finally the blasting of the popular conception of British fair play which prevailed prior to the abdication of Edward a year ago. It is an imposing indictment, but not being in the Innermost Councils of the nation and not knowing what the actual facts may have been in each case, we are not disposed to argue. We will still pin our faith in the British Empire however, if for no other reason than the one which Mr. Gerard gave the Kaiser when asked what chances the British armies had against the Kaiser's well trained legions: "Your Majesty, they will lose every battle but the last one." We were not aware that American diplomacy had succeeded where the British had failed, and until the last battle, diplomatic or otherwise, is fought we will string along with the United Kingdom, thanks.

## ALBERTA'S CRIME INCREASES

The report of Sir James H. McBrien, Commissioner for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for the year ending 31st March, 1937, as it concerns crime in Alberta, shows an alarming increase over the previous year. For that year, 3,933 "true" cases came before the Police, as compared with 10,840 for the period under review, or an increase of 1.97. On the basis of actual convictions obtained, 3,202 were convicted from April 1st, 1935 to March 31st, 1936, as against 6,732 for the period ending in March of this year or an increase of 1.55. It is pointed out by Sir James that of all the provinces of Canada, Alberta shows the greatest increase, but he points out that a large percentage of that increase is represented by offences against Provincial Statutes, which in itself is almost sufficient indication that the R.C.M.P. are looking after offenders against Provincial Statutes in a competent manner.

Furthermore, a perusal of the report shows conclusively that in matters of efficiency, the greatest regard is paid to the inauguration of systems which will effect considerable savings on the public purse without imperiling in the slightest degree the efficiency of the force Sir James has the honour of leading. We wonder if the same considerations would apply if Alberta were policed by a force under Provincial Administration.

"O WAD SOME POWER THE OIFTE GIE US  
TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US."—Burns.

## From Our Exchange Columns

## PRUDENCE

Premier William Aberhart exhorted his hearers Sunday to have more prudence. For once we are in agreement with the Premier. Anything which will result in Aberharts becoming more tolerant to opposing opinions deserves support. Anything which leads to more prudent handling of Alberta's political position would also be welcomed by a large number of people.

Had Mr. Aberhart been more prudent in his utterances over the past few years he would have found less active opposition to his experiment in monetary reform. Had the Legislature used more prudence in passing unenforceable legislation, more confidence in its subsequent acts would have been displayed by its sceptics.

The major criticism which we can direct against the Aberhart government is that it has been imprudent. Without waiting to analyze possible results, the government introduced prosperity certificates, squandered public money on covenants and registrations which served no useful purpose, passed just Price legislation which could not be enforced, introduced Licensing Acts which likewise will remain unenforced. Talked largely of organizing government subsidized co-operative producing units which came to naught promised an end to unemployment in a two month period, paved the way for State Credit Houses which never opened, threatened to organize its own provincial banking unit, assured electors that dividends would be paid before Christmas, a year ago—and generally made all manner of imprudent promises.

By all means let us have more prudence—Drumheller Plaindealer.

## ABERHART'S PROMISES

Alberta's promising Premier last Sunday returned to his promises like a dog returns to his vomit. He just can't help making promises, even though he must know that every intelligent citizen of this province is heartily sick of hearing about promises, many of which are now over two years stale and no sign that they will ever be fulfilled. Before dealing with his latest promise, we list a few that have already grown whiskers: \$25 basic dividend, free loans, lower taxes, state credit houses, just price, a lower cost to live, cultural heritage, a factory a week. Now his Nov. 28, 1937, promise is "that before another summer's sun is set we shall monetize Alberta's credit." Well if our Social Credit friends can turn Alberta's Credit into money—real money—not phoney money, like prosperity certificates, that will be splendid. However, we would advise our readers not to buy any new radios, cars, farm machinery, or the old farm or two on the strength of the Premier's promise of turning Alberta's credit into money, as Alberta's credit is not very hot just now and it is our guess that it may take a good "Summer's sun" to warm it up sufficiently to make it hot enough. Also it is well to remember that our Premier is Alberta's No. 1 promoter, pledgee and covenantor, while his batting average so far as results are concerned is 0-Trochu Tribune.

## COLONIES

Chancellor Hitler's Augsburg speech recalls Signor Mussolini's outspoken demand that Germany should be given places in the sun with the return of her African colonies. The colonial problem would be difficult if the only question at issue were: Ought Germany to regain the colonies she lost in the World War? But it is complicated by further consideration. How great is Germany's desire for colonies? Superficially the answer is simple enough. At first sight it appears unlikely Signor Mussolini should not be acquainted with Germany's policy. But there is a further point: As European statesmen see it, if Germany does not soon expand into a colonial empire, she may move immediately in Central Europe. It is obvious that, between an excursion in the neighbourhood of Austria which borders upon Italy, and an excursion in Africa, Signor Mussolini would undoubtedly prefer that Germany should try the latter.

Then too, Whitehall and the Quai d'Orsay cannot quite forget that Herr Hitler has written a book that contains an elaborate outline of the policy he would wish Germany to pursue. That policy would appear not to include the owning of colonies. Herr Hitler's objections to an energetic colonial policy were twofold. In the first place it might lead Germany into conflict with Britain, whose friendship he has declared over and over again is essential to the prosperity of Germany. This, however, would not in itself indicate more than that Germany would be willing to delay her demand for colonies if Britain were unalterably opposed to it. It does not necessarily mean that Germany does not want colonies if she can get them.

But Herr Hitler has also said that several European nations are like pyramids standing unsteadily upon their points with small territories at home and huge empires abroad, and are therefore fundamentally weak. Their responsibilities are greater than their resources for bearing them. Such an argument suggests that Germany would not desire colonies in any circumstances. Herr Hitler is himself a German-speaking Austrian. It would be quite natural for him to long before all else for a reunion of all the "Germans," which would mean a policy of expansion first of all in Europe.

Such are the elements of a situation which it is taking all the powers and subtly of European statesmanship to analyze, and which accounts for the intense interest in Lord Halifax's visit to Berlin. There are, apparently, three possibilities. Germany may be using the demand for colonies to prepare a bargaining ground for a request for something else; she may wish to bring about a revision of the peace of 1918; or she may be using the demand for colonies to encourage and of public opinion he may genuinely have changed his mind. If he has enormous modifications have taken place in the long and complex policy which Herr Hitler formulated in "Mein Kampf."—Christian Science Monitor.

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## WEDDINGS

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The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. James P. Marquesse of Vancouver. Mrs. Robert Kramer of Calgary attended the bride and Mr. James George of Gen. was groomsmen.

Following the ceremony the wedding supper was served at the Palliser Hotel, and Mr. and Mrs. Marquesse left for Spokane where the honeymoon was spent.

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Rev. J. H. Naylor.

**Knox Presbyterian Church**

11.00 a.m. - Sunday School.

Evening Service at 8.30 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. Richard Nails.



# Christmas Season's Greetings and Wishes for a Happy New Year From Your

Merchants and Friends  
of Bassano



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
to all  
In the wish of  
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With Best Wishes for  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
is extended to all by  
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**Canadian Christmas**  
All is not lost though the times have changed. Even the smallest household, with the most miniature of stichemation, may eat boar's head, prawn or duck, and even the characteristic green turtle soup, aided by the camera. Many of these unusual specialties are delightful surprises packed in the Christmas basket of those who must celebrate the holiday far from home and friends, providing the traditional dinner in quite merry fashion, well-wishers' traditions.

## EGYPTIAN TREE

THE Christmas tree, which has become an almost universal symbol, and is by most persons supposed to have originated in Germany, seems to have had something of a counterpart in Egypt at a period long before the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and twelve shoots on it, was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice, as a symbol of the year completed.

## Strain on Holiday Pulse



Wife—I've spent the five hundred you gave me for Christmas shopping and I haven't a penny left to buy a present for you. Son—

Hubby—Bunch! I'll give you a quarter more, then.

**Better and Better Christmas**  
"Never" was the world as it is—never happened, never so deep for the current of timelessness. Never so many men of good will, never so ardent a desire for peace on earth, never so many things to make Christmas merry, "Woman's Home Companion."

**Lighting Christmas Candles**  
The custom of lighting candles at Christmas is an ancient one. According to the old idea, these candles were to be lighted on Christmas eve, placed in the window sill, and left burning there all night.

**Christmas a State of Mind**  
Christmas is observed just because it had, and still has, to do with peace. Christmas is a state of mind, it is a beautiful spirit.

**True Spirit of Christmas**  
It is well to be benevolent and to seek out the needy and distressed and relieve their necessities. This is indeed a true spirit of Christmas.

**Christmas Belief in Silence**  
In silence there is a belief that a boy born on Christmas day will become either a lawyer or a thief.

## "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

HERE is how the nations of the world say "Merry Christmas":  
France—Bon Noel.  
Germany—Frohe Weihnachten.  
China—Tzu Hiao Nian.  
Sweden—Glad Jul.  
Portugal—Boas Festas.  
Italy—Felice Natale.  
Japan—Kings Bazaar.  
Rumania—Oracion Felicitosa.  
Turkey—Iokuk Tizim.  
Holland—Vrolijk Vanden.  
Hungary—Bölgés Karácsonyi Ünnepeket.  
Greece—Chrysoioma.  
Poland—Wesołych Swiat.  
Czechoslovakia—Dobry Vianoc.  
Denmark—Vindstille Karstema.  
Spain—Felices Pascuas—Merry Merry.  
Ireland—Nolla.

**The Word "Carol"**  
The word "carol" was originally applied to ring dances of children, accompanied by singing. In time the word came to denote a lively tune suggestive of dancing. Christmas was universally recognized as a time for merry as well as religious songs and so to the carol song at this season religious facts were allied to its simple phrases and sung to merry dapping tunes.

**Born on Christmas Day**  
In Ireland it is believed that the baby boys born on Christmas day are thereby destined to become priests. Beyond that, those born on Christmas day were believed to have the power of "healing" by the laying on of hands, and to be gifted with "second sight."

**January 6 as Christmas Day**  
Recent investigators incline to the belief that in 354 January 6 as Christmas day, the early Christians were not very far out, for January 11 would seem to be the correct day.

## CHRISTMAS GREENS

CHRISTMAS trees, as a family are the oldest of all trees. Scientists say that their direct ancestors were the first flowering plants on earth. They are believed to have originated during a period of very severe climate, their needlelike leaves preventing loss of surface to cold and exposure to the broad, heated trees that survived the later periods of the earth's history.

## Christmas Time Brings

**Angelic Choir's Refrain**  
All heaven bend low above the earth at Christmas time. It is then that the things above join and blend with the things below. It is then that angels and archangels crowd above the Jordan hills and the reborn of angelic choir tell upon the ears of men. It is Christmas time, when the flaming glory of rapture from the star-strewn alleys sleeping flocks and watching shepherds. At Christmas the stars of heaven find the path of men and lead the kings of the East to the shrine of the newborn Prince. It is then that the star of Bethlehem shines with the features of weary travelers to greet the Light of the World. It is then that angels and men join in praise to God in the highest, and peace and goodwill mantle the earth. All these are but small symbols of that finer blending that richer communion of divine love and human frailty which brought the spirit-born Son of God to live in the flesh-born son of Mary, to be the Christ of God and the Savior of men. At Christmas time heaven looks down to earth and earth looks up to heaven.—William L. Owsen.

## Best Wishes

for a Christmas  
of Good Cheer  
and a  
Happy New Year

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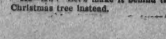
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## Season's Greetings

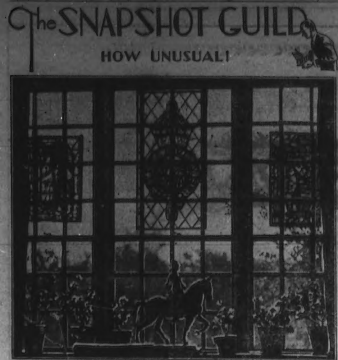
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and Good Wishes  
for a  
Happy New Year

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A picture snapped from inside the house and through a window often proves to be a fascinating bit of work.

It's almost unbelievable but it is true that many amateur snapshooters have the notion that it is only the unusual that is worthwhile snapping. When they travel, a camera is taken along to get pictures of new scenes and new faces but they use it around their homes only on special occasions.

"But," you may say, "I've already made good snaps around the house. What else is there to shoot?" Nobody can answer that question for you directly. But it's dollars to doughnuts that there are dozens of untouched picture possibilities. And all of them interesting as the ones already in your album.

The secret of finding them is simply a matter of keeping your eyes open. Get the habit of looking at things—everything—as though you had never seen them before. It's amazing the way this habit will sharpen your interest—now dulled by their familiarity—in even the most commonplace things.

Some of the finest pieces of photographic art have been results of appreciative eyes in the heads of snapshooters. The pattern of sun and shade on the front steps, the

fascinating interplay of roof lines, tree portraits—are typical of pictures that may be made at home—amateur pictures of actual subjects. Don't be afraid of doing things differently. It's a tonic to tackle old subjects from new points of view. It is to get a shot that appeals to you. You have to upset the "laws" of safe-and-snap shooting. Don't hesitate. If your eye catches the scene, whatever it is, the chances are that your camera will enjoy it too.

With such helps as the inexpensive photo-fool bulbs (for which efficient reflectors are available) you can do your snapshooting indoors as well as out. Present-day cameras, films and lights give you unlimited scope for your snapshooting. Today almost any picture is possible—at any time.

Of all words of praise for the snapshooter, the word "artist" is the most fitting. It's not only the snapshooter who looks at that "I've seen that every day" for the last fifteen years and never dreamed it had the changes of a picture like this.

Many people have these words "Artist" on their lips. But they are not artists. They are snapshooters. —John A. Gulliver

## Arrowwood Notes

The play sponsored by the Ladies Social Credit Group was a great success. The school auditorium was filled to capacity. All the parts were well portrayed, the actors giving the audience many real good laughs. After the play a quilt was raffled, which was made by the group. Mr. Sheeran being the lucky winner. The ladies wish to thank all those who so kindly patronized them.

The W.A. of the United Church held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Liesmer on Thursday, Dec. 10th. 16 members and 3 visitors being present. The meeting opened by the singing of a hymn. Mrs. Mackie led the devotionals. A report on the year was then given, \$100 being realized on the sale of work tea and social sale. Election of officers was then held. Two hundred dollars was voted the ministers salary. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Liesmer and Mrs. P. H. Coleman.

We are very sorry to report that Principal Miller, of the Arrowwood High School, is under the Doctor's care, with a bad case of septic sore throat. We all wish him a speedy recovery. Miss Clifford, B.S. is taking his place during his absence.

The Arrowwood Girl Guides and Banglew entertained their mothers at a banquet on Monday evening, 11th, at the Social Credit Hall. Tables were decorated with large bouquets and red tapers. After the singing of "O Canada," Mrs. Lawrence Larsen acted the Blessing, and mothers and daughters sat down to a large turkey dinner and all the good things that go with it. After supper Miss Lee, the Guide Leader, proposed the toast to the King and Queen. A tap dance by Marion Sheeran, the Highland Fling, was much enjoyed. The toast to the Mothers was proposed by Freda, the absence of her sister Grace, who through sickness was unable to be present. Mrs. Lewendon, in Browline Leader, responded. Mrs. Leck, President, then moved a vote of thanks to the committee, Mesdames Liesmer, Sheeran and Jones, for their help and arrangement of the banquet. The Christmas Tree, which was all decorated, was unloaded by Miss Lee, Miss June Clifford and the Dorothy Banglew, each girl receiving a gift. Don Savie the King brought to a close another happy gathering. It was suggested that the next Christmas be the dance and Banglew and Mrs. Liesmer, the Governor of the Social Committee, were absent through sickness, and Mrs. Gooderham and Mrs. Dowrie, and the Banglew, were also unable to be present on account of the bad roads.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, of Glenora, a son, on Monday, Dec. 20 at the home of Mrs. John Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Pike left on Friday morning for Greenfield, where they will visit for a few days with Mr. Pike's sister. Before their departure they were presented with a beautiful silver cream and sugar set from the Brehlen Ladies Aid.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Saunders, former residents of Arrowwood, have taken up residence in Calgary for the month. Arthur is attending school there.

Mr. R. Burger and Mr. E. Horn have taken over Mr. Pike's milk route.

The Girls of the United Church choir, with their leader, Mrs. A. Phillips, had their Xmas party Saturday evening. Contests and games were played after which the Xmas Tree was unloaded, and each received a gift. The choir girls are indeed very grateful to Mrs. Phillips, and in appreciation presented her with a lovely gift.

Services at the United Church next Sunday will be conducted at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, followed by the Christmas Service at 11:45 a.m. Special music will be rendered by the choir. Tongs of the address will be "Peace and Goodwill." The public are cordially invited to attend this service.

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## Hussar Notes

Be sure to attend the party under the auspices of the Hussar Girl Guides on the evening of Dec. 26th. This is the first effort of the Guides to raise funds. The affair will be under the management of Mrs. H. B. Blitt who is Captain and Miss Marie, Harold, Lieutenant.

Mr. and Mrs. Treacy and daughter, Betty, returned from Calgary on Wednesday.

There are many cases of measles in the Atlas School District.

Mr. H. D. Brown, motored to Calgary on Friday and Mrs. Yield of Carleton Place, returned home with him to visit her daughter, Mrs. Blitt.

Ernest Brown, who is attending the University of Alberta, Marion Sanden, who is attending Normal in Calgary, Dorothy Nelson, who is attending the Jean Carroll Beauty School in Calgary, returned home on Saturday evening with John Toogood of Chancellor, who is attending the University of Alberta. These young people will have about two weeks of holiday.

Mr. W. Kachle went to Bassano on Tuesday's train.

The Christmas program will take place in the hall on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKinnay and son motored to Calgary on Friday and returned on Saturday.

Mr. Pringle, Joan Campbell, June Dundas, Edith and Marjorie Burdett, Mrs. H. D. Brown and Mr. Albert Pils motored to Strathmore on Saturday.

Mr. Phil Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lawson, motored to Strathmore on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Oederberg and Mrs. J. A. Williams motored to Calgary on Wednesday, returning on Friday.

Bernice Janz, who has been ill for some time, went to Bassano on Tuesday.

## THE WILL TO BE WELL

Are you a person who enjoys poor health? There are many such at least they take certain satisfaction out of telling their friends and neighbors just how poorly they are. Such an attitude of mind is not likely to help one to be well. People should will to be well and adopt as outlook on life which refuses to accept poor health as something inevitable or a subject to talk about as if it were an asset.

Telling yourself and others about your physical or mental ailments may appear to elicit a certain amount of sympathy but that is really poor comfort. It is not likely to produce in you a feeling of well being.

Don't make the most of your ill. Crowd them out of your brain if you possibly can. The way to harbour ill and make the most of them is to keep on talking about them. If you are determined to be well you must adopt an optimistic cheerful outlook—minimizing your troubles—laugh at them—will to be well—and see what a help it can be to you and your happiness.

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## B.H.S. Notes

The new school curriculum seems to have taken the spotlight as far as the B.H.S. notes are concerned. A few weeks ago the Recorder published an article concerning this much talked of course. This editorial gives you the students side of the question as far as final examinations go.

You have had the "viewpoint" of an outlooker, but what about the poor pupils who are now half way through this experiment: assigned to us as the established curriculum for the schools of Alberta. What we say in favor of the course may not be authoritative, but it is another point of interest.

The abolition of final examinations is without doubt the answer to the students' prayer. It not only does away with the useless cramming but relieves the tension and strain which a student undergoes during the term of examinations.

In one respect the change was devised to do away with cramming which takes place at the end of the year, and the absence of term examinations discourages and does away with this useless studying. Why then would you have these students cram and worry about the outcome of the finals when they can, and should, be passed on their terms work. Some students make high marks throughout the year, only to find that they fail miserably at the end of the term.

because some examiner in the capital city sees fit to fail them, because they don't know the date of "Napoleon's Last Charge." These pupils can not make their brains function properly when they realize that all the year will be wasted unless they pass these nerve racking exams. The balance hangs on the results that come from Edmonton, whereas the teacher should pass a student on his or her merits for the years' work. The teacher knows your record, not some hired university graduate in the Department of Education.

No one can deny the fact that even the best of pupils are not susceptible to this strain which accumulates them during the exam period. And furthermore, no one can say that a person can carry out his or her work as well as before under these conditions, unless it is in an odd case, where the school work is nothing to look back upon.

Why cannot a student be passed on his or her years' work when it is this work which counts? The teacher knows what you have done and can pass the student at Edmonton. What is your opinion?

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## Boy Scout Notes

The Scouts met last Thursday in the school-house to discuss matters of state.

After the roll call, Scoutmaster Mr. McLaws added a few points on last week's topic of self control. Troop Leader Bussard then gave the demonstration of bandages in the First Aid.

The financial statement from Mr. McLaws drew a fine round of applause from the boys. Editor P. L. Currie, who just received the military grant of \$140 for expenses incurred at Summer Camp this year. This greatly adds to the \$40 on hand.

On the invitation of P. L. Currie, the troop has decided to publish a year book of the activities of the Scouts and Cadets from its establishment in 1925.

The book will probably only have two pictures, but will have a description in writing of all members and leaders.

To defray expenses of the book, the merchants will be asked to cooperate by having some form of advertisement.

The staff in charge will consist of three patrol leaders. Editor P. L. Currie, with assistants P. L. Currie, and P. L. R. MacLean, compose this.

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These Cattle appear to be range breeding Herefords.

### Gunners Defeat Bearcats

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broke through the opposing defence. Near the close of this period, Bacon picked up a rebound from Thompson's shot and with Bogate out of position, had little difficulty in slipping the puck past him. With the game on a little more even basis, the fans began voicing their approval, and both teams were featuring end-to-end rushes. A clever passing play by the Gunners, featuring the Brown brothers, "Cam" and "Bob", put the Gleichen team three up. Both teams were pressing when the bell ended the second period, the Bearcats having the advantage in man-power, Lester being penalized for tripping just before the period ended.

In the third period, Gleichen put on several power plays in an effort to widen their margin on the score board, but in spite of the fact that on several plays the Gunners hemmed the locals in behind their own blue line, they were unsuccessful in their efforts to halve the twine behind Yale, who starred for the locals in the third stanza. Both teams were stepping at a fast clip, but neither broke the tension till near the close of the game, when a power play of the Gunners clicked to put them four goals up.

About midway in the third period, Derry received a cut on the side of the head from a skate, and had to be removed for the balance of the game. Taken to the office of Dr. Scott, a dressing was applied, and nothing serious was the information received.

It is the wish of all local fans that these two teams be matched when the ice is in a little better condition.

**Line-up**  
Bassano-Yale: Cadot, Marquardt, A. Arlison, Bacon, Thompson, Derry, Bassarab, W. Smith, R. Arlison, W. Marquardt, G. Smith, G. Stiles.  
Gleichen-Bogate, T. Brown, Murray, C. Brown, B. Brown, Lester, Clifford, Wolf Leg, Lester, Desjardins.  
Official—St. McKay, Gleichen.

## Local and Personal Notes

Miss Colina Morrison returned to Edmonton on Monday.

On Monday, December 27th, is Boxing Day, stores in Bassano will remain closed.

Miss Florence Playfair, visited at the home of her parents over the week-end.

Mr. George Scott, arrived home for the Xmas holidays last week, from the University of Alberta.

Mrs. Frank O'Connor of Pigeon Lake arrived in Bassano on last night's train. She will visit with her father, Mr. Mike Emili, of Countess.

Mr. J. Acheson, from Medicine Hat, is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. P. Currie and will remain over the Christmas week-end.

Mr. J. Pierson was a business visitor to Calgary on Monday, returning on Wednesday. Mr. Pierson plans to leave tonight for a two months holiday to be spent in California, and other southern points.

Mrs. J. Hathorne received a cable this week from Harrington, England, informing her of the death of her mother, Mrs. Jinks. Mrs. Jinks visited with her daughter several years ago and while here made many friends who will regret to hear of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Summerbell of Brooks visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Summerbell on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rennie have their daughter with them for a several months holiday, after being a patient in Keith Sanitarium for a while. We hope she keeps on improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Young spent Sunday visiting in Gleichen.

Mrs. J. Ungarian and Jennie were in Calgary one day last week.

Mrs. A. Benjamin and children spent Saturday in Calgary.

Mrs. W. F. MacBeth was a Calgary visitor over the week-end.

### Growfoot-Makepeace Notes

Miss Irene Roberts spent a few days in Calgary visiting friends.

Mr. Edna Bray made a business trip to town Tuesday.

Mr. Herman Jorgensen was a Bassano caller on Monday.

Mr. Arthur and Sid Rodbourne were also Bassano callers on Monday.

Mr. Tom Rodbourne left by bus for Calgary on Wednesday, and will leave on Thursday, where they will be guests along with their father, Mr. Chas. Rodbourne, at their sister's home, Mrs. William Malin.

Mrs. William Waygood is in Maple Creek visiting friends and relatives.

Everything is all set for the entertainments at Altaview School Wednesday night, and "Makepeace" on Thursday night. A large attendance is expected at both places as the towns are in somewhat better condition due to the general thaw on Monday.

A light fall of snow was evident Tuesday morning.

Miss Edith Smith, teacher at Altaview, leaves for her home in Calgary Thursday.

### Presbyterian Sunday School Entertainment

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the younger boys and girls, a solo by Vi-Orr Harris, pianologue by Joan Stinson, dialogue by Frances MacBeth and Betty Ann Beeber.

At half time the speaker, Mr. Richard Main, minister of the Church, led the audience in a group of Community Hymns.

Numerous drills by the Junior Primary and Beginner Girls, and Primary boys, drew a fine round of applause.

Probably one of the greatest highlights of the evening was the portrayal of Santa, arriving in 1914 by way of the old Ford. This was the work of the Junior Boys, who also put on the backward exercises, which were appreciated by the crowd.

The climax of the program was the Senior girls and boys play "Love Comes Knocking". Of course, for the kiddies, Santa Claus appeared at the end of the program, and took the children into consultation. Candies and nuts were distributed to the kiddies by the jolly old gent.

The program was very entertaining, and was greatly enjoyed by all. A more detailed report on the program will be published next week.



## Greetings

To Our Friends Everywhere:

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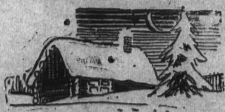
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